

Second Chance Week 2012

Give your stuff a second chance, help the community *and* the environment

10th Annual 2nd Chance Week Coming Soon

It begins with the Gilroy Garage Sale on the weekend of September 8 & 9. This popular event affords residents throughout the South County with an opportunity to give their old items a new life with a new owner. A list of garage sales will be available at Gilroy City Hall the Friday before the sale and on the web at www.secondchanceweek.com.

Monday, September 10 is "Universal Waste Awareness Day." Universal waste consists of consumer electronics, batteries, fluorescent lighting and other mercury-containing products that will not be accepted in your garbage. Residents (no business waste accepted) can keep these items away from our air, water and landfills by properly disposing of them as follows: **Fluorescent light bulbs & tubes:** Johnson Lumber/Ace Hardware, 778-1550/847-5890; Orchard Supply 847-7767; People and Planet 782-2700; **Consumer Electronics:** Westside Recycling, 782-2555; A&S Metals, 846-6454; Martin's Recycling, 846-7288 and Metech Recycling, 848-3050; **Mercury containing devices:** Santa Clara County HHW Program, 299-7300. Don't forget to recycle household batteries at the curb. Visit Morgan Hill City Hall or Booksmart for a collection bag. Booksmart and Johnson Lumber/Ace Hardware will also accept your household batteries for recycling.

Tuesday, September 11 is "Freecycle™ Day." Do you have useful things that you don't need anymore that you are willing to give to other people who do have a use for them? Freecycle™ helps reduce waste by connecting people who are throwing away unwanted items with others seeking the same items. There are both Morgan Hill and Gilroy Freecycle™ groups on Yahoo — all

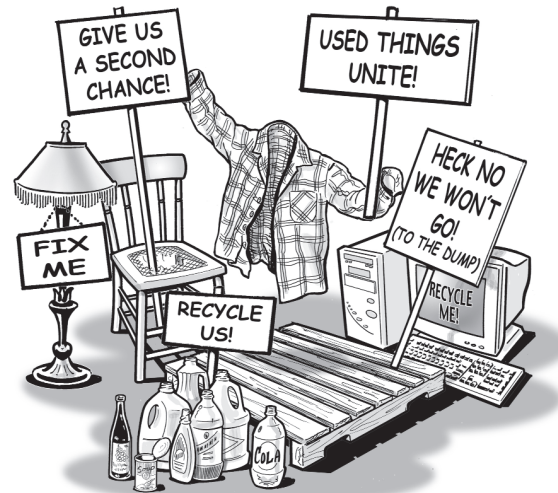
you need is a free Yahoo email address to join. It's free, it's easy, it's fun and it keeps your unwanted items out of the landfill! Visit www.secondchanceweek.com for more details.

Wednesday, September 12 from 8am to 5pm is "Donate Coats for Kids & Adults Too Day."

Have gently used coats you or your children have grown out of? Bring them to Gilroy City Hall (7351 Rosanna Street) or the Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center (17000 Monterey Road). The coats will go to underprivileged children and their parents.

Thursday, September 13 from 8am to 5pm is "Second Sight Day." Bring your old eye glasses to Gilroy City Hall (7351 Rosanna Street) or the Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center (17000 Monterey Road) and the Lions Club will give them a 2nd Chance to serve someone less fortunate.

Friday, September 14 is "Recycle Your Cycle Day." Have a used bike to donate? Bring it in and the Bicycle Exchange will fix it up and donate it to local charities that serve both children and adults. The Bicycle Exchange accepts bicycles of all sizes from tricycles up to full sized bicycles for adults. Flat tires and even broken or missing parts are not a problem. We have an extensive inventory of parts. Our volunteers can fix almost anything, however we do not restore paint and we can not reverse corrosion. **Before donating your bike, ask yourself these questions:** Could an experienced mechanic make this bike functional and safe to ride in one hour or less? Is the bike substantially free of rust and corrosion? Is the bike clean enough that you could offer it as a gift without embarrassment? If the answers are all "yes," then we'll gladly receive the bike. Our mechanics always have lots to do and none are paid, so we especially appreciate your effort to clean up your bike before donating it so we can focus on repairs. In Morgan Hill, you can drop off your donation at the



Morgan Hill Corporation Yard (100 Edes Court) from 8am—3pm. Gilroy will be collecting bikes at Sunshine Bicycles (311 First Street) from 10am—6pm.

Saturday and Sunday September 15 & 16 is the Morgan Hill Garage Sale. This final event provides local residents with a chance to give their old belongings a new life with a new owner. A list of garage sales will be available at Morgan Hill City Hall and on the web at www.secondchanceweek.com the Friday before the sale.

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